

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. These replace all previous versions.

1. (presently amended) A device operable as a host device comprising: ~~and having~~ a port connected to a bus and, ~~in which the device includes~~ means for detecting the presence of another host connected to the bus and for relinquishing host status in response thereto.
2. (original) A device as claimed in claim 1, including a power supply for providing a supply voltage on a voltage supply line of the bus.
3. (original) A device as claimed in claim 2, in which the supplied voltage is less than a minimum allowed voltage for the voltage supply line of the bus.
4. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the detecting means includes means for detecting a change in voltage on a ~~or the~~ voltage supply line of the bus, thereby detecting the presence of the other host.
5. (original) A device as claimed in claim 4, in which the change is an increase.
6. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~, in which the detecting means includes a comparator.
7. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, in which the device is arranged for causing at least some lines of the port to be forced tri-state on detecting the presence of another host.
8. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, including means to send a reset command via the bus in response to detecting the presence of another host.

9. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, including means for detecting the loss of the other host, and for reassuming host status in response thereto.

10. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 9, in which the loss detecting means includes means for detecting a reduction in voltage on a ~~or the~~ voltage supply line of the bus, thereby detecting loss of the other host.

11. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the device includes first and second ports.

12. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the device is a battery pack.

13. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, in which the device includes a digital video broadcast receiver.

14. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the device is operable as a USB host and having at least one USB port connectable to a USB bus, the presence detecting means being means for detecting the presence of another USB host.

15. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, operable as a USB host device, the device including first and second USB ports connected directly to each other and to a USB host module.

16. (presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the device is a mobile telecommunications device comprising first and second USB ports each connected to a USB bus, and one of a) a USB non-host module and b) a USB dual-mode module connected to the USB bus.

17. (presently amended) A system including a device as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~, and a host device connected to the port.

18. (presently amended) A system as claimed in claim 17, including a non-host device
connected to a ~~or the~~ second port of the device.

19. (original) A method of operating a device operable as a host, the method comprising:
detecting a change in voltage on a voltage supply line forming part of a bus; and relinquishing
host status in response thereto.